

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
March 13, 2002

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
March 2002
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-399-02-84
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For gas bills issued during March 2002 MDU is decreasing its propane purchased gas adjustment by \$.55 per dekatherm for customers in Hettinger. This changes the current propane purchased gas adjustment from negative \$.944 per dk to negative \$1.494 per dk.

The propane price is a result of the lowest price MDU obtained from its regional bulk wholesale propane suppliers. The change in the price of propane is generally driven by a combination of crude oil and natural gas prices, weather, demand and inventory levels. There is no change in the over/under-recovery surcharge adjustment.

This PGA change will decrease the March bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 12.5 dk by \$6.87. There were 287 propane customers in Hettinger as of January 31, 2002.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on their website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane
purchased gas adjustment for March 2002, Case No. PU-399-02-84.

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